Bricks & Banners Now Available

The City of Bellflower continues to offer two unique programs to honor military personnel, past or present, throughout the community.

The Bellflower Honors Brick Program provides an opportunity to purchase a 4"x8" brick and engrave up to 3 lines of text which can include name, branch of service, rank or name of conflict. Bricks will be part of a paved reflection area located at the Veterans Memorial at 9918 Flower St.

The cost is $125 per brick and all donors will receive a 3"x1.5" replica brick with the same inscription.

To purchase bricks online visit www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/bellflowerhonors.

In addition to the bricks program, Bellflower provides another opportunity to recognize veterans by dedicating a street pole banner. Banners are 30"x70", display name and photo on both sides and is $200 per banner.

The deadline to order bricks in time for installation prior to Memorial Day is Monday, April 4th and deadline to order a banner is May 1st!

For more info visit www.bellflower.org or call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2268

Localight App Loyalty Program Begins

Calling all customers to Bellflower to shop local and earn rewards! The City of Bellflower has partnered with Localight to create a Bellflower-centric app that allows customers to earn 2% back within the Localight Network, by connecting your bank account or credit card for payment processing. The Localight app provides offers, rewards points, and creates video spotlights that showcase many independent shops around town.

To encourage participation, a $5,000 contest begins soon! Earn contest points early by downloading the app, sharing the app on social media, referring friends and family, and making purchases using Localight within the 60-day contest timeline. No purchase is necessary to join Localight or to earn points. The person with the

Organics Recycling Program in Bellflower

In 2016, the State of California adopted Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), which requires all cities in California to reduce organic waste sent to landfills by 75% by January 1, 2025. In accordance with this law, all jurisdictions must provide organic waste collection services to all residential and commercial customers by January 1, 2022, to ensure organic material is diverted from the landfills.

Organic waste includes food scraps and green waste, such as landscaping and pruning waste.

On January 1, 2022, CR&R Environmental Services together with the City of Bellflower launched a new Organics Recycling Program. Single-family customers with cart service may now place food scraps in addition to yard waste in the green waste container. Compostable bags are optional and accepted, as well as paper bags. Compostable
Los Angeles County announced that enrollment for its groundbreaking Breathe: LA County’s Guaranteed Income Program will begin on March 31—ushering in one of the most significant programs of its kind in the nation.

The program will award 1,000 randomly selected qualifying residents $1,000 a month for three years. Other guaranteed income programs have proven to disrupt longstanding cycles of poverty and economic inequity by enabling participants to self-determine the budgetary strategies that will most benefit themselves and their families.

Stark and widespread economic inequities have been laid bare during the COVID-19 pandemic—highlighting the longstanding struggles of families in the nation’s most populous county, where an estimated 25% of children live in poverty. Breathe: LA County’s Guaranteed Income Program is aimed at addressing these inequities for 1,000 residents in targeted low-income communities—giving them financial space to breathe. Similar programs have found that recipients use the money to pay bills, go to school and provide well-being for their families.

Residents can learn more at: breathe.lacounty.gov, including a map to help determine whether they live in a qualifying community. Enrollment opens March 31 and the deadline for applications is April 13. Selection will not depend on the timing of entries.

SteelCraft Bellflower welcomes Burger Monster to their vendor lineup! Combining unique ingredients in new and delicious ways, Burger Monster handcrafts each burger with a focus on freshness and quality. They are excited to serve their food to the Bellflower community soon. For more info follow @steelcraft on Instagram.

The filing deadline to submit 2021 tax returns or an extension to file and pay tax owed is Monday, April 18, 2022, for most taxpayers. By law, Washington, D.C., holidays impact tax deadlines for everyone in the same way federal holidays do.

For more info visit: www.irs.gov

Are there big-winged insects flying around your home?

These harmless crane flies are neither mosquitoes nor mosquito eaters. Mosquitoes are a quarter of the size of crane flies. To learn more about their differences at https://www.glamosquito.org./.

Most points at the contest deadline will be rewarded $1,000 in spendable points and many top placers will also be awarded spendable points. The app will feature weekly video spotlights of local participating businesses during the contest starting with Fronk’s Restaurant.

Be ready for the app’s launch and in the meantime, subscribe with your email to receive a Localight notification of when the program begins! To enroll visit https://join.localight.com/.

If you’re a Bellflower business owner, there is no cost to enroll now!
Safely Toss Out Your Expired Meds on Drug Take Back Day

The City of Bellflower and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department have teamed up with Kaiser Permanente to host a National Take Back Initiative event on Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Office (9400 E. Rosecrans Ave. Bellflower). The collection site entrance will be indicated on Clark Ave. Local residents can turn in unused or expired medication anonymously for proper disposal by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The event is free to the public.

Proper disposal of expired, unused, and unwanted medication such as personal prescriptions, vitamins, over-the-counter drugs, dietary and herbal supplements, helps protect the environment. In the past, people were advised to flush unused medication down the toilet, but this can contaminate the water. Prescription drugs that are collected by the DEA will be disposed of by the safest means available for this waste stream.

There is also a permanent drug-take-back bin at the entrance of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station at 5130 Clark Ave. where prescription pills, ointments, sealed container of syringes and syrups can be dropped off no questions asked. Sharps should be collected for disposal in a heavy-duty plastic household container, such as a liquid laundry detergent container. Unprotected medical “sharps” are not accepted. For more info visit www.dea.gov or www.kp.org.

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paper bags are available at local retailers, but other types of bags are not accepted. A new organics decal will be placed on the lid of green waste containers outlining acceptable materials. The collected organic material will be delivered to one of CR&R’s compost facilities where it will be converted to compost. This new expanded collection program will divert organic material away from the landfill.

As of January 1, 2022, all businesses and multi-family dwellings are also required by State regulations to arrange for ongoing recycling and organic waste recycling services. This applies to all commercial businesses regardless of service levels and applies to all multi-family dwellings. To establish these required recycling services now, please contact CR&R Environmental Services at bellflowerrecycles@crrmrmail.com or 562-944-4716.

By participating in the program, you are helping California reach targeted goals to reduce short-lived climate pollutant emissions.

For more info on SB 1383 and other State requirements, please visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp.

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Temporary Maintenance Asst.
Public Works Department
$15.00/hr. (up to 29 hrs/week)
Applications due: ongoing

Assist a Maintenance Worker I or II in a wide variety of basic maintenance tasks including park, landscape, and facility maintenance; and performs related work as required.

Experience & Education: Basic principles of tools and materials related to maintenance work. Basic principles of landscaping. Basic mathematics. English usage, vocabulary, and grammar. A copy of your High School Diploma or GED must be attached to your application. For a full job description visit the City’s website.

Recreation Coordinator (F/T)
Parks & Rec Department
$63,504.69 - $77,194.62 Annually
Applications due: 04/22/2022

Plans, organizes, coordinates, and provides direction and oversight for a variety of recreation and community services activities, programs, and special events; provides administrative support and program assistance to the Recreation Manager.

Experience & Education: Equivalent to the completion of an Associate’s degree or equivalent education from an accredited educational institution with major coursework in recreation or a related field and two (2) years of recreational programming experience. Graduation from an accredited four year college or university is desirable. Valid driver’s license and auto insurance. Possession of, or ability to obtain, American Red Cross First Aid Certificate, and CPR Certificate for infant, child, and adult within three (3) months of hire. For a full job description visit the City’s website.
Rosa Carrero is a proud resident and a Medical Practice Manager for PIH Health Downey Hospital. She’s worked in the medical field for 25+ years and is an exemplary nurse leader. She has been instrumental throughout the COVID-19 pandemic by providing much needed leadership amongst staff and kindness with patients. Carrero remains dedicated to her work, but also stills find time to be an active leader in her community as a member of her local Norwalk Lions Club of California by providing free medical screenings. Cristina Garcia, Assemblywoman, District 58, recognized her commitment to building positive connections and named her Bellflower’s 2022 Women of the Year.

Read Rosa’s full bio and other Women of the Year for #AD58: https://a58.asmdc.org/2022-district-women-year

Great Books Available at Brakensiek Library
Women’s History Month may be coming to an end, but the LA County library’s collection lives on! Celebrate the remarkable achievements of the women who have shaped our history and lived lives we admire and learn from all year long by checking out books and materials from your local library. Visit LACountyLibrary.org or stop by Brakensiek Library located at 9945 Flower St, Bellflower.
Current City Hours

The current City of Bellflower work schedule for employees and essential City services is listed below. City Hall and the Public Works Yard will be closed alternating Fridays.

- **Bellflower City Hall Hours of Operation**
  Monday - Thursday • 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
  Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed alternating Fridays)

- **Building & Safety Division (located within City Hall)**
  Monday - Thursday • 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
  Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed alternating Fridays)

- **Bellflower Sheriff’s Substation Hours of Operation**
  Monday - Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
  Alternating Fridays • 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
  Saturday • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
  Sunday • Closed
  **After hours services provided by Regional Sheriff’s Station in Lakewood (562) 623-3500**

- **Simms, Caruthers and Thompson Park Facilities**
  Parks and Recreation Spring/Summer Hours of Operation

  **April (ALL PARKS)**
  Monday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  **Special/Holiday Hours**
  April 11-15 • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m
  April 17 • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
  April 18 • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m

  **May (ALL PARKS)**
  Monday - Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  **Special/Holiday Hours**
  May 28-30 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

  **June (ALL PARKS), Beginning June 6**
  Monday - Friday • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
  Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  **Special/Holiday Hours**
  June 1 • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
  June 2-3 • 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 pm

- **Pirate Park**
  April
  Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
  Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  **Special/Holiday Hours**
  April 17 • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

  **May**
  Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
  Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  **Special/Holiday Hours**
  May 28-30 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

  **June**
  Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
  Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Key for calendar**
- **C** City Hall closed
- **H** City Hall closed for holiday

For more information call City Hall at (562) 804-1424 or visit [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org)